

# BSU Sociology Capstone Immersive Learning Project - Video

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This moment was captured from the Immersive Learning Project visit to Second Harvest in Spring 2021. These students worked through the midst of a pandemic, cold weather, masks, and social distancing to gather data for this Immersive Learning Project. Please take the time to view the materials available to see the wonderful work they did in the Spring 2021 semester!

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Please click on the following links for more information:

Department of Sociology | Ball State University (bsu.edu).

Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana (curehunger.org).

## **BSU Sociology Capstone Spring 2021**

### **Immersive Learning Project with Community Partner: Second Harvest Food Bank**

Partnering with Second Harvest Food Bank in Spring 2021, this Immersive Learning Project aimed to examine the needs of the community through application of sociological knowledge to synthesize research and literature. Students in this Immersive Learning Project completed all survey, interview, and informed consent documents, as well as compiling a literature review to aide in understanding sociological themes. They collected data from Second Harvest "Big Idea" Events by administering these surveys and interviews. They then synthesized their findings and presented the research to their community partner: Second Harvest Food Bank. Second Harvest will then use this research to earn grants and gain a better understanding of how COVID-19 impacted food insecurity in Indiana.

#### **Sociology:**

Sociology is the study of the development, structure, interaction, and collective behavior of organized groups of human beings. Through research, data analysis and study of conventional social standards and societal norms, sociology immerses you in a well-rounded program that prepares you for graduate study or for a career in fields that involve investigative skills and working with diverse groups.

Department of Sociology | Ball State University ([bsu.edu](http://bsu.edu))

#### **Community Partner:**

Second Harvest Food Bank is the region's largest hunger-relief organization with a network of 96 agency partners and 35 schools in Blackford, Delaware, Grant, Henry, Jay, Madison, Randolph and Wabash counties, with a goal, "to increase food availability to our communities in phases."

Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana ([curehunger.org](http://curehunger.org))

(See Survey and Interview below)

Recorder # \_\_\_\_\_

Site # \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

We are Ball State students helping Second Harvest learn how they can improve the experience here at this school's event. We appreciate your time and willingness to complete our survey. We request that those filling out the survey be age 18 or older. None of your personal information will be shared with Second Harvest or the school. **You can stop or skip questions at any time.** Thank you!

1. How much has COVID-19 impacted your family's need for food? (1 a little/being lowest impact, 5 a lot/being highest impact) [circle one]

1 (lowest) A little bit	2	3	4	5 (highest) A lot	Prefer to not respond 0
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2. **Before** COVID-19, how often did you attend these events at the school? [circle one]

Never 1 My first visit	Sometimes 2	Frequently 3	Every Month 4	Prefer to not respond 0
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3. **During** COVID-19, how often have you attended these events at the school? [circle one]

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4. How likely is it that you will come to this food distribution **after** COVID-19? (1 being lowest likelihood, 5 being highest likelihood) [circle one]

1 (very unlikely to come again)	2	3	4	5 (very likely to come again)	Prefer to not respond 0
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5. To what degree do you feel the school staff has supported your student's needs with these events? (1 being lowest likelihood, 5 being highest likelihood) [circle one]

1 (Not very much support)	2	3	4	5 (a great deal of support)	Prefer to not respond 0
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6. Do you use any other kinds of food assistance? ( Yes / No ) **If yes, which ones?**

SNAP 1	WIC 2	Other Food Pantries 3	Prefer to not respond 0
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QR Code for Survey



7. Would you be interested in answering more questions in a follow up interview? [circle one]

Yes 1	No 2
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If yes, please provide your name/email/phone number:

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you for your time and participation!**

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### **Interview**

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1. How did you learn about Second Harvest and its services?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. What factors led you to participate in this program and attend this food distribution event?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. What has your experience been like with the food distribution events and your child's school?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. Is there an experience that you have had with school food distribution events that sticks out to you?  
How did that experience make you feel?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. How has COVID-19 impacted your family's ability to get resources? What role has Second Harvest provided and what role have they played?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
6. What do you wish other members of this school knew about these food pickup opportunities?

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County	Location(S)	March Dates	April Dates
Blackford County	Northside Elementary	Monday, March 1st, 5-6:30PM	Monday, April 5th, 5-6:30PM
	Montepelier Elementary	Wednesday, March 31st, 5-6:30PM	Wednesday, April 28th, 3:30-5:15PM
Deleware County	Muncie Central High School	Wednesday, March 3rd, 2:30-5:30	Wednesday, April 7th, 2:30-5:30pm
	Longfellow Elemnetary	Tuesday, March 9th, 2:40-3:15pm	Tuesday, April 13th, 2:40-3:15pm
	Grissom Elementary	Wednesday, March 10th, 3:30-4:15pm	Wednesday, April 14th, 3:30-4:15pm
	West View Elementary	Wednesday, March 10th, 5:00-6:30pm	Wednesday, April 14th, 5:00-6:30pm
	North View Elementary	Thursday, March 11th, 2:40-3:30pm	Thursday, April 8th, 2:40-3:30pm
	East Washington Academy	Monday, March 15th, 3:30-4:15pm	Wednesday, April 28th, 4:00-5:30pm
	Northside Middle School	Tuesday, March 16th, 4:30-6:00pm	Tuesday, April 29th, 4:30-6:00pm
	Cowan Elementary	Thursday, March 18th, 4:30-6:00pm	Thursday, April 22nd, 4:30-6:00pm
	South View Elementary	Thursday, March 18th, 5:00-7:00pm	Thursday, April 22nd, 5:00-7:00pm
	Southside Middle School	Thursday, March 18th, 4:30-6:30	Thursday, April 15th, 4:30-6:30pm
Grant County	EastBrook South Elementary	Wednesday, March 17th, 4:00-6:00pm	Wednesday, April 21st, 4:00-6:00pm
	EastBrook North Elementary	Wednesday, March 17th, 4:00-6:00pm	Wednesday, April 28th, 4:00-6:00pm
	Allen Elementary	Thursday, March 18th, 5:00-7:30pm	Thursday, April 15th, 5:00-6:30pm

	Park Elementary	Thursday, March 18th, 4:00-6:00pm	Thursday, April 15th, 4:00-6:00pm
Henry County	Wilbur Wright Elementary	Thursday, March 11th, 2:45-4:15pm	Thursday, March 8th, 2:45-4:15pm
	Knightstown Elementary	Thursday, March 11th, 4:00-5:30pm	Thursday, March 8th, 4:00-5:30pm
	Parker Elementary	Monday, March 15th, 4:00-5:30pm	Monday, April 19th, 4:00-5:30pm
	Eastwood Elementary	Wednesday, March 17th, 2:00-3:15pm	Wednesday, April 21st, 2:00-3:15pm
Jay County	Redkey Elementary	Tuesday, March 2nd, 5:00-6:30pm	Tuesday, April 6th, 5:00-6:30
	East Jay Elementary	Tuesday, March 9th, 2:40-4:30pm	Tuesday, April 13th, 2:30-4:30pm
	Westlawn Elementary	Tuesday, March 23rd, 3:00-5:00pm	Tuesday, April 27th, 3:00-5:00pm
Madison County	Summitville Elementary	Wednesday, March 3rd, 3:30-5:00pm	Wednesday, April 7th, 3:30-5:00pm
	Highland Middle School	Thursday, March 4th, 5:00-6:30pm	Thursday, April 1st, 5:00-6:30pm
	Anderson Intermediate	Tuesday, March 9th, 5:00-6:30pm	Tuesday, April 13th, 5:00-6:30pm
	Anderson Elementary	Tuesday, March 9th, 5:00-6:30pm	Tuesday, April 20th, 5:00-6:30pm
	Valley Grove Elementary	Thursday, March 11th, 5:00-7:00pm	Thursday, April 8th, 5:00-7:00pm
	Tenth St. Elementary	Thursday, March 11th, 5:00-6:30pm	Thursday, April 15th, 5:00-6:30pm
	Frankton Elementary	Wednesday, March 17th, 3:30-5:00pm	Wednesday, April 21st, 3:30-5:00pm

Alexandria-Monroe Inter.	Wednesday, March 24th, 3:30-5:30pm	Wednesday, April 26th, 3:30-5:30pm
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Randolph Country Baker Elementary	Tuesday, March 2nd, 3:30-5:00pm	Tuesday, April 6th, 3:30-5:00pm
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Union City Jr./Sr. high	Tuesday, March 9th, 5:00-7:00pm	Tuesday, April 13th, 5:00-7:00pm
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Willard Elementary	Tuesday, March 16th, 3:30-5:00pm	Tuesday, April 20th, 3:30-5:00pm
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Deerfield Elementary	Tuesday, March 30th, 2:20-4:00pm	Tuesday, April 27th, 2:20-4:00pm
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Wabash County North Manchester Inter.	Wednesday, March 3rd, 4:00-5:30pm	Wednesday, April 7th, 4:00-5:30pm
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North Manchester Inter.	Wednesday, March 17th, 4:00-5:30pm	Wednesday, April 21st, 4:00-5:30pm
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Survey # \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Big Idea Survey 2021  
Information about this survey

**What is this survey about?** This survey is gathering information about how families feel about the Big Idea event and the impact of Covid-19.

**Who can participate?** All willing participants who are involved with the Big Idea event.

**What will happen?** You will be asked to complete a survey and possibly an interview about your feelings about the Big Idea and how Covid has impacted your involvement in the event. This survey will ask for some information about you, how you are involved in the Big Idea, and how you feel about the event during Covid

**Where will my information go?** All information will be entered into a software program. The surveys will be kept in a locked and secure box until our study is complete. Once we are done, all surveys will be destroyed. Any electronic files will be kept on an encrypted flash drive, and will be kept for 5 years after our study is complete. Second Harvest will see a summary of our data, but they will not receive any identifying information

**Risks or discomforts** - We will keep any identifying information separate from your responses. We are storing all information in a secure location. Any and all identifying information will not be shared to Second Harvest and will only be accessed by direct members of our group and Dr. Messineo. We are an impartial group that is working with Second Harvest, so please feel free to be as open and honest as you are comfortable with.

**Benefits** - This study will be used by Second Harvest to improve the Big Idea program.

**Compensation** - There is no compensation for this survey, but could benefit you and several others in the future by improving the Big Idea program.

**Voluntary Participation** - Participating in this survey is 100% your choice. You may skip any questions in the survey or in a potential interview that make you uncomfortable in any way. Even if you skip a question, feel free to still complete our survey as this information is useful. You may request that your data not be used at any time by contacting Dr. Messineo. You do not have to participate in this survey to attend the Big Idea events. There will be no penalty if you wish to stop the survey at any time. Please feel free to ask any questions to a member of the survey team at any time.

**Campus Contact Information**

**Primary Contact: Dr. Melinda Messineo**  
**Phone: (765)285-5530**  
**Email: [mmessine@bsu.edu](mailto:mmessine@bsu.edu)**

**Please keep a copy of this form for your records. Survey members will provide copies.**

# BSU Sociology Capstone Spring 2021 Second Harvest Photos (1)

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